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| Applicant | Joseph H. Sklar |
| Application No. 09/612,055 | Filing Date: July 7, 2000 |
| Title of Application: | Ligament Shim |
| Confirmation No. 6809 | Art Unit: 3732 |
| Examiner | Melba N. Bumgarner |

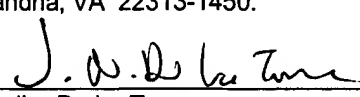
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Post Office Box 1450
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***Response Transmittal and
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136(A))***

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on November 9, 2005.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$1,020.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

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4. Fee Payment. Attached is a credit card form PTO-2038 in the sum of \$1,020.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.

Respectfully submitted,

April 25, 2006


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